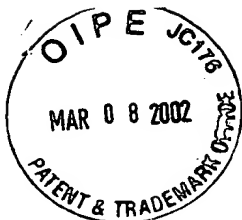


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Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application,
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Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the
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**Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 15-23, with the following
paragraph:**

Although, photodynamic therapy (PDT) has received increasing interest as
a mode of treatment for a wide variety of different cancers, PDT for the
treatment of metastatic bone disease is underdeveloped. Furthermore, PDT is
often associated with inadvertent tissue damage to normal tissue adjacent to
diseased tissue to be treated. This inadvertent damage to collateral tissues is
due to the nonspecific uptake of the photosensitizer by tissue the
photosensitizer perfuses. Thus, a non-specific uptake of photosensitizer by bone
tissue during PDT could potentially damage normal bone tissue that has been
replaced by the abnormal bone formation associated with a particular disorder
such as Paget's Disease.

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